In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and the practices and usages customary among bankers, the commercial banks cannot divulge information relating to or the affairs of their individual constituents.

Charges of Economic offence against President, NCCF

2287. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'NCCF—Pradhan Mantry Ki Ghoshna Ka Majak' appearing in 'Jansatta' of the 24th December, 1985 alleging that the President of NCCF has amassed property worth over Rs. 10 crores comprising of one four-star hotel in Patna (Samarat International) and two four star hotels in New Delhi apart from cold storage and rice mill in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of information already in the possession of the Income-tax Department, appropriate action under various Direct Taxes Acts has been initiated.

Rice damaged at Kandla Port

2288. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of rice worth Rs. 1.64 crores belonging to NCCF was totally damaged by cyclone at Kandla Port during the year 1980-81;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a claim was lodged with the insurance company which was not entertained due to technical reasons; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) NCCF has reported that rice stocks worth Rs. 1.65 crores was damaged in 1980-81 at Kandla Port due to cyclone and a claim for this amount was lodged with the Insurance Company for recovery of the amount. NCCF has further reported that as the Insurance Company did not agree to settle the claim, it has filed a suit in the Delhi High Court for recovery of the amount from the Insurance Company.

Representation against harassment by the management of NCCF

2289. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF Workers' Union has represented to Government about their victimisation by the management for raising their voice against malpractices being committed by the senior officers and directors; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The NCCF Workers' Union has complained that for raising their voices against the alleged corruption in the NCCF, seven petty clerks/workers of union have been victimised and transferred out of Delhi. NCCF has reported that the management has transferred six officers and 12 other employees in the overall interest of the organisation and not in the nature of any victimisation.